



# Commercial Activities Special Use Permit Application

OMB Control Number 1018-0102  
Expiration Date: 06/30/2017

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Refuge Name:

Address:

Attn: (Refuge Official)

E-Mail:

Phone #:

## For Official Use Only:

Approved Permit #:

Station #:

Permit Term: from  to

**Note: We do not require all information for each use. See instructions at the end of the notice and contact the refuge to determine applicability of a particular item.**

1) Identify the type of Permit you are applying for: New ☐ Renewal ☐ Modification ☐ Other ☐

## Applicant Information

2) Full Name:  3) Title:

4) Business Name:

5) Street Address:

6) City/State/Zip:

7) Business Phone #:  8) Business Fax #:

9) E-mail:  10) Business Tax ID #:

11a) Within the past 5 years, has the company (entity), its owners, or any employees who have or will be expected to operate on the refuge, been convicted, pled nolo contendere, forfeited collateral, or are currently under charges for any violations of any State, Federal, or local law, or regulations related to fish and wildlife or permit activities? ☐ Yes ☐ No

11b) If you answered "YES" to question #11a, provide the individual's name, date of charge, charge(s), location of incident, court, and action taken for each violation.

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12) List known assistants/subcontractors/subpermittees: (Only required if the assistants/subcontractors/subpermittees will be operating on the refuge without the permittee being present.)

Name	Address	Phone #

### **Grazing Bid Package Information**

<b>COMPLEX:</b>	Little Swan Lake	<b>TRACT:</b>	Thompson WPA
<b>LEGAL:</b>	T100N/R35W/SW ¼ Sec 26 (Superior TWP)	<b>ACRES:</b>	40.0 grass
<b>YEAR(s):</b>	2021 – 2022	<b>MAP:</b>	SEE ATTACHED
<b>BID FORMAT:</b>	\$/AUM	<b>AUM:</b>	21 total Cows

#### **Year # 1**

**Target Grazing Period:** May 15 to August 31 (109 grazing days/3.5 months)

#### **Year # 2**

**Targeted Grazing Period:** May 1 to July 15 (76 grazing days/2.5 months)  
September 1 To October 20<sup>th</sup> (50 grazing days)

**NOTE – Targeted Grazing Period may vary according to ground conditions and active mgmt. needed to achieve the intended mgmt. goals. Also, to simplify fencing +/- 4 acres of State WMA land in the very SE corner is included in the enhancement project for a total of +/- 44 acres of grass.**

**Stocking Rate:** 10 Cow/Calf Pairs and 1 Bull

#### **Animal Unit Defined as follows:**

- Mature cow – 1.0
- Cow/calf pair – 1.2
- Yearling (9-18 months) – 0.7
- Weaner calf – 0.5
- Bull – 1.5

**Fence Status:** There is no existing fence on the South, West, and North boundary. Cooperator will need to construct a fence on these portions prior to any grazing in coordination with the Iowa DNR Wildlife Mgmt. Staff. The East boundary has a permanent fence and it will need to be inspected by the Cooperator. Partial or completely new fences may be needed on these boundaries. The cost to construct the fence needs to be accounted for in your grazing bid. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Iowa DNR will supply all the materials for a high tensile electric fence (2 strands or 3). The fence must be capable of keeping cattle inside the graze unit. Fence will include wooden brace posts that are no more than 1/8 mile apart and metal line posts that are no more than +/- 50 feet apart.

**Gates:** One swing gate (16 ft. long swing gates provided in fence materials) needs to be installed as part of fence construction. Gate location is shown on attached map. The gate needs to be constructed in such a way that it can be easily opened to allow passage of trucks, tractors and other equipment. Gate materials will be provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Water Source:** Livestock watering will generally be provided via existing wetlands or historical excavated dugout pool. During dry periods when wetlands do not contain water, supplemental watering will be allowed from the main drainage in the NW corner of the paddock. Any methods and locations of supplemental watering on Service lands must be approved by the Refuge Manager. All water tanks and any other miscellaneous items must be removed from the property within one week from when the cattle are removed.

**Forage Types:** The site consists of primarily cool season grasses with a small percentage that is native prairie grasses / forbs and some small wetland plant communities.

**Grazing Targets:**

**Plants:** Impact community composition by reducing grass competition to allow for expression and expansion of forb community. Reduce the amount of cool season grass in order to inter seed native grass and forbs. Reduce cattail dominance on wetland edges to allow for open water as well as increased wetland community diversity. Create structural heterogeneity utilizing cattle grazing patterns to increase required habitat for grassland birds, insects, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals.

**Animals:** Increase nest attempts, successes, and brood raising potential for waterfowl and prairie obligate birds. Increase insect diversity by increasing vigor and abundance of native forb community. Increase basking areas and wetland openings for reptiles and amphibians.

## **Grazing Special Conditions**

- 1) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reserves the right to modify or terminate the Special Use Permit if habitat conditions warrant.
- 2) Cattle will be purged using corn stalks or other weed free alternative food sources as approved by the Refuge Manager for 2 weeks prior to the described grazing period
- 3) All liability relating to livestock and livestock management to include all persons working for the permittee, whether related, hired or as a partner is strictly that of the permittee as listed on the Special Use Permit. The permittee must have/acquire liability insurance that covers the livestock being grazed on Service Lands. A copy of the liability insurance must be provided to the Refuge Manager.
- 4) The permittee must be in compliance with the respective state and local livestock health regulations.
- 5) All equipment for grazing, including ATVs and UTVs, must be clean and free of invasive plant material including seeds before entering any Refuge, Waterfowl Production Area (WPA), or Service easement. The Refuge Manager reserves the right to inspect and deny the use of any equipment/vehicle/horse etc. that appears to contain invasive species plant material or seeds.
- 6) The permittee will not use any pesticides (includes insecticides, herbicides and fungicides) on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lands.
- 7) Any livestock management action including branding or dehorning on Service land must be approved by the Refuge Manager.
- 8) Subletting is not allowed. As approved by the Refuge Manager, partnering with another rancher will be allowed should the number of livestock needed to achieve the desired outcome not be obtainable by a single rancher. If partnering is allowed, the initial permittee will be solely responsible for the total payment, management, liability and all special conditions of the permit.
- 9) Fence maintenance is the responsibility of the permittee. Any permanent fence constructed on National Wildlife Refuge System lands will become property of the Service.
- 10) Livestock watering will generally be provided via existing wetlands. During dry periods when wetlands do not contain water, supplemental watering will be allowed. Any methods and locations of supplemental watering on Service lands must be approved by the Refuge Manager. All water tanks and any other miscellaneous items must be removed from the property within one week from when the cattle are removed.
- 11) The permittee must notify the Refuge Manager of deceased livestock. Deceased livestock must be removed from Service lands within 48 hours of discovery unless other arrangements have been approved by the Refuge Manager.
- 14) Supplemental feeding is not permitted on the unit.
- 15) Use of minerals (salt or protein) will NOT be allowed
- 16) The Service is not responsible for providing alternative pasture if the Special Use Permit is terminated.

## Grazing Bid Sheet

**COMPLEX:** Little Swan Lake

**LEGAL:** T100N/R35W/SW ¼ Sec 26 (Superior TWP)

**YEAR(s):** 2019

**TRACT:** Thompson WPA

**ACRES:** 44.0 grass

**Bid (\$/AUM):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Cooperator Name (Printed)**

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**Cooperator Address** **City** **State** **Zipcode**

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**Cooperator Home Phone** **Cell Phone**

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**Cooperator Signature** **Date**

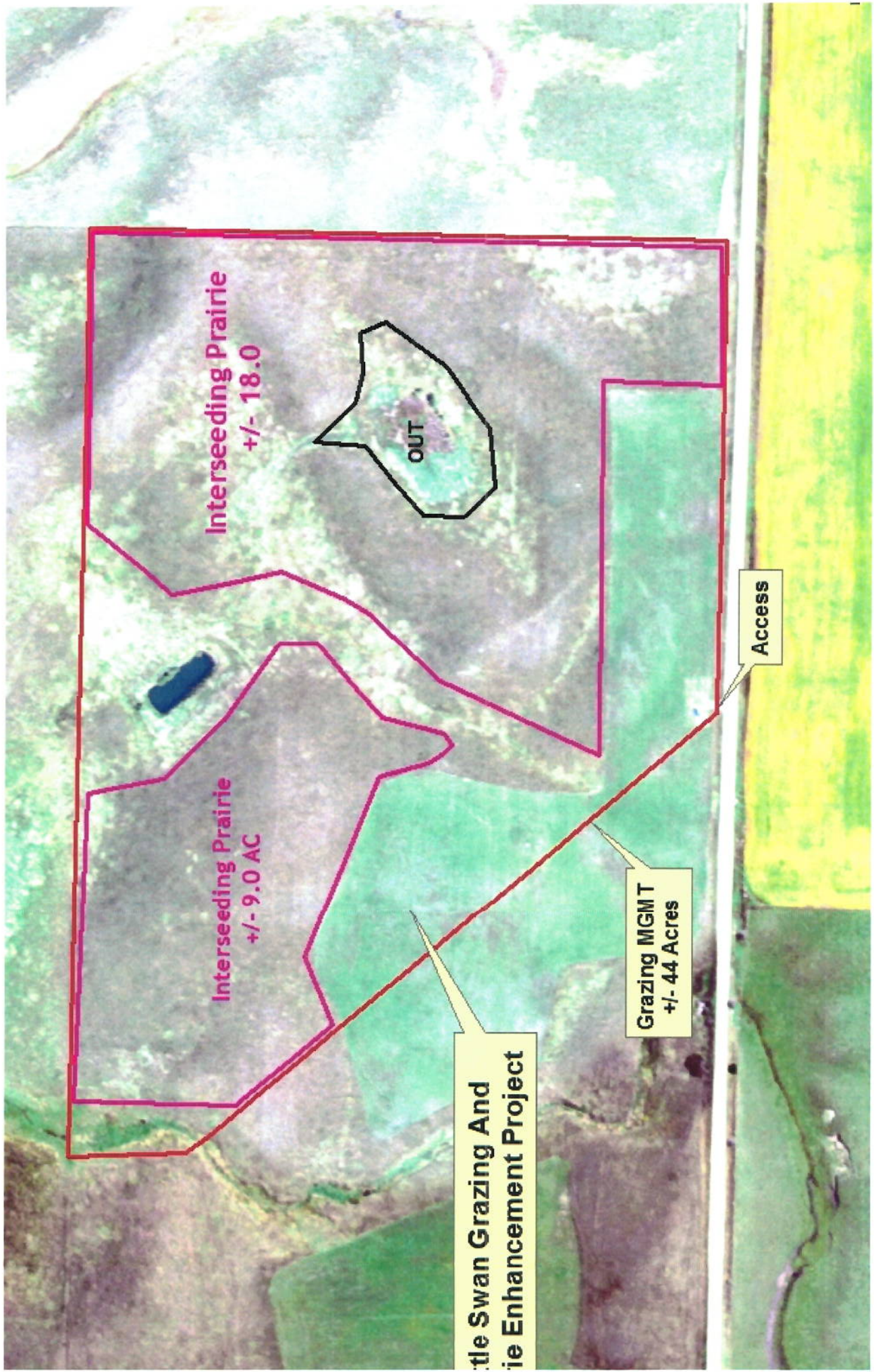
### For Additional Information Contact:

Chris LaRue Biologist  
Iowa DNR – Great Lakes Wildlife Unit  
712-330-4543

### Send Completed Bid Sheets to:

Thompson WPA Grazing Bid  
AgriLand Inc  
17 W 4<sup>th</sup> St  
Spencer, IA 51301  
712-580-3553





Interseeding Prairie  
+/- 18.0

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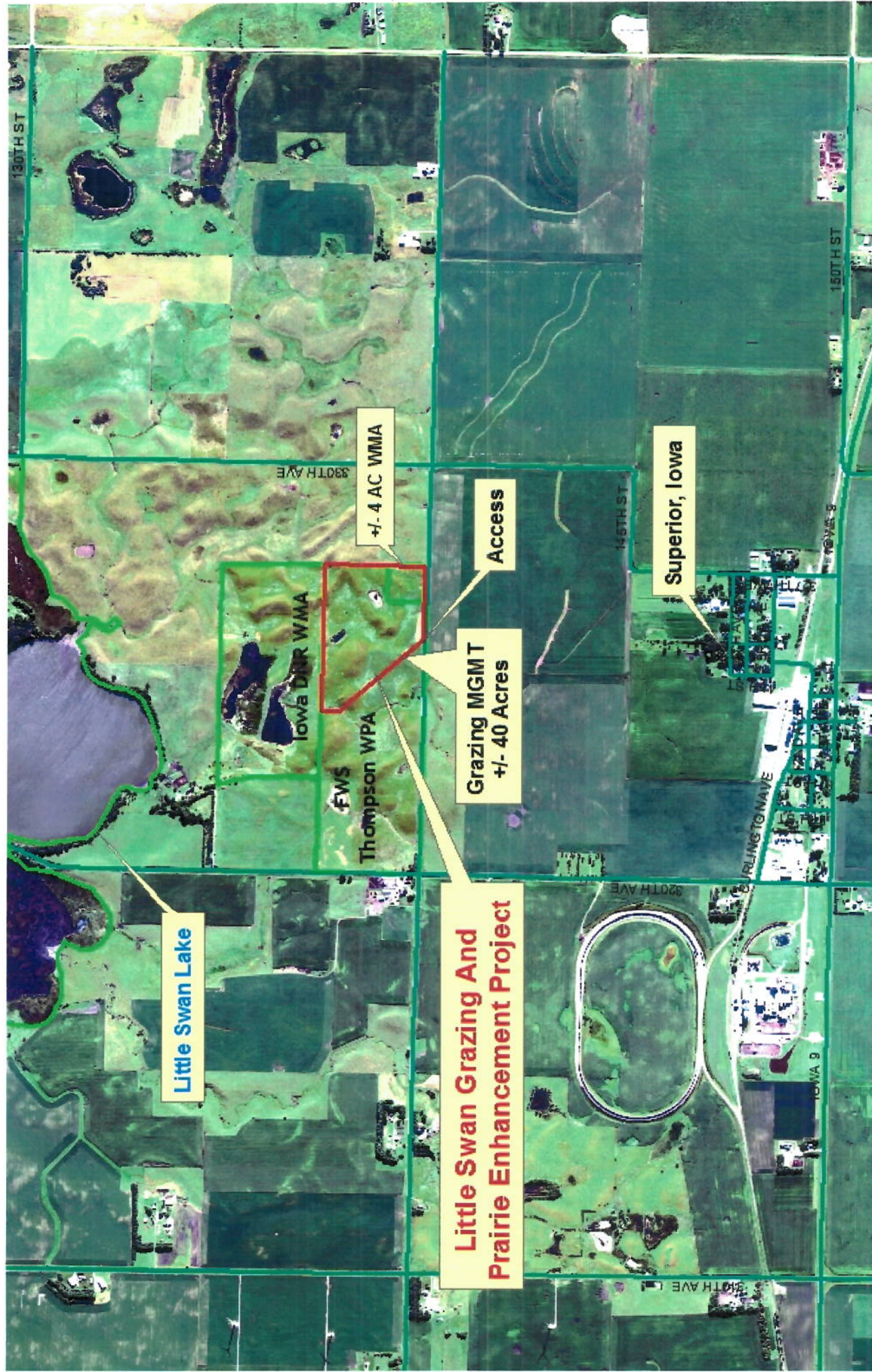
Access

Interseeding Prairie  
+/- 9.0 AC

Grazing MGMT  
+/- 44 Acres

Little Swan Grazing And  
Prairie Enhancement Project





Little Swan Lake

Little Swan Grazing And  
Prairie Enhancement Project

+/- 4 AC WMA

Access

Grazing MGMT  
+/- 40 Acres

Superior, Iowa

Iowa DNR WMA

FWS  
Thompson WPA